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Observer status for the Economic Community of Central African States in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the Economic Community of Central African States in the General Assembly" was included in the agenda of the fifty-fifth session at the request of Equatorial Guinea (on behalf of the States members of the Economic Community of Central African States).

2. At its 64th plenary meeting, on 16 November 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 32nd and 33rd meetings, on 16 and 17 November 2000. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/55/SR.32 and 33).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 9 November 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Equatorial Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/55/237 and Add.1).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.20

5. At the 32nd meeting, on 16 November, the representative of Equatorial Guinea, on behalf of Angola, Burundi, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon and Ireland, subsequently joined by Chad, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Guinea, Italy, Mauritania, Portugal, Sao Tome and Principe and Spain,

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introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the Economic Community of Central African States in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/55/L.20).

6. At its 33rd meeting, on 17 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.20 without a vote (see para.7).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the Economic Community of Central African States in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States,

1. *Decides* to invite the Economic Community of Central African States to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.